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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2531**
Hideo MIZUTA : Docket No. 2003_0974A
Serial No. 10/621,310 : Group Art Unit 2819
Filed July 18, 2003 : Examiner Jean B. Jeanglaude
MAGNETIC ENCODER

RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 23, 2004, the period for response having been extended for four months by the attached petition, please amend the above-identified application as follows: